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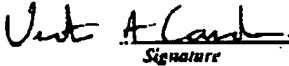

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>					Docket No. 1791.007	
Applicant(s): Vnn Acker						
Application No. 10/785,145	Filing Date 02/24/2004	Examiner Jesus D. Suteo	Customer No. 23405	Group Art Unit 3617	Confirmation No. 8182	
Invention: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR ALLOWING UNDERWATER ESCAPE FROM A SUBMARINE						
<b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>						
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.						
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. Sec 37 CFR 1.27						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	34	33	1	x \$9.00	\$9.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	4	1	x \$44.00	\$44.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$53.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-1935 in the amount of <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1935 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.						
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile on December 6, 2004 to Mail Stop, Intersubmitt, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, from Examiner Jesus D. Suteo Group Art Unit 3617, at Facsimile No. (703) 872-9306.</p> <p align="right">             Victor A. Cardona, Esq.            Registration No. 44,589            Attorney for Applicant            Date of Signature: December 6, 2004         </p> </div>						